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Roberto Receives Meritorious Civilian Service Award

HANOVER, N.H.—Armando J. Roberto Jr., at the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) in Hanover, N.H., has received the prestigious Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award. The award was presented by Colonel James Weller, Commander of the Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). CRREL is one of seven unique technical laboratories that make up the ERDC.

Roberto received this award for his exceptional leadership in responding to numerous organizational challenges in integrating the support elements of the seven laboratories that constitute the ERDC. Roberto's mission focus, superior work ethic, and results oriented approach have earned him the respect and admiration of his subordinates, peers and senior military civilian leaders within the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Army.

The ERDC, organized in September 1999, consists of seven laboratories at four different Corps locations. The combined ERDC staff numbers 2,500 with an annual research program of over \$430 million.

Roberto became Deputy to the Commander of ERDC in April 1999 and he is the Commander's principal assistant and has the same authority as the Commander except for actions dealing with military personnel. He also serves as the Commander's special assistant with authority over key personnel in his role as the Chief of Staff for the ERDC Support Staff elements. The support staff operates a virtual team to address the business functions across the four ERDC sites. The combined geographically dispersed support staff totals 264 federal personnel, plus numerous support contracts.

Roberto resides in Etna, N.H.

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